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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1631(a) and (c) - MAGNETIC METALS

15th June, 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3416.31/1 - 7.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the memorandum which had been submitted that day by the United States Delegation (COCOM Doc. 3416.31/7). He invited Delegates to give their preliminary comments.

2. The FRENCH Delegate said that he was glad to note that the United States had found the French suggestion to work on the basis of 15,000 gaussses useful (COCOM 3416.31/3). He also noted that the latest United States redefinition proposal (COCOM 3416.31/7, para 4) referred to a frequency of 50 cycles per second. This frequency was certainly acceptable to the French Delegation but since the standard frequency in the United States was 60 cycles he wondered whether the United States authorities would be faced with difficulty in their application of the proposed definition. The position of the French Delegation was that they wanted to free from embargo the grain oriented sheets used in the manufacture of large size transformers. Having agreed with the United States as far as high frequency transformers were concerned, they had hoped that agreement would now be possible on grain oriented sheets, but the Delegate noted with regret that the core loss of 1.36 watt per kg. suggested in the new United States proposal would still embargo some types of grain oriented sheets without saying how they were different from the strategic point of view. The United States position was all the more difficult to understand because large size transformers were free from embargo irrespective of the type of grain oriented sheet used in their manufacture. Furthermore, the French Delegation had never been contradicted in their statement that these grain oriented sheets had no other use than the manufacture of transformers. Finally, the Delegate pointed out that sub-item 1631(a) referred to all types of magnetic materials, including, for example, magnetic wire which there was no reason to embargo, while sub-item (c) concerned only sheet and strip.

3. The UNITED STATES Delegate undertook to refer the remarks of his French colleague back to his authorities. Commenting on the reference to the use of 50 cycles, he presumed that it would be possible to make the necessary conversion for the benefit of those charged with the application of the controls in the United States. It was possible, moreover, that the control practised by his own authorities would be more extensive. He drew the Committee's attention to the statement concerning intelligence information on the production of electrical steel in the Soviet Union (COCOM 3416.31/7 para 3).

4. The COMMITTEE agreed to continue the discussion on July 2nd.

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